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Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This application was filed almost 4½ years ago on August 27, 1999.

A Final Office Action was issued April 25, 2001. The first Appeal Brief was filed in this application on September 14, 2001. An amended second Appeal Brief was filed on December 27, 2001. Another Final Office Action was issued November 20, 2002. A third Appeal Brief was filed February 13, 2003. Another Office Action was dated September 5, 2003. A fourth Appeal Brief was filed on September 29, 2003.

Please advise when the Examiner's Answer can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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